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THRU : Chief, Economic Research
Chief, Materials Division

Report for the Month of February 1957

1. Projects 22.1568, "Survey of Selected Plastics in the Soviet Bloc," and 20.1726, "Estimated Production of Selected Commodities in the Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1956-1957," were completed and submitted to St/PR.

2. Various contributions to NIE's, other Area-Wide projects, and CSS were completed. Two Branch projects were reviewed in D/M and are now being revised for submission to St/PR in March.

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3. [REDACTED], Chief, Editorial Division, OBI, and other OBI representatives met with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and other ERA representatives for a comprehensive briefing on ERA research methods, standards and procedures, and to discuss the ERA position on the validity of Sino-Soviet Bloc statistics. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 4. [REDACTED], M/AG, visited [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1
25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] in connection with an external research project on agriculture in the USSR.

25X1A9a 5. [REDACTED], Chief, M/FM, visited Pittsburgh for the
25X1A9a purpose of conferring with ORR consultants [REDACTED]. 25X1A6a

6. M/NF prepared memoranda for the DD/I and DCI on the subject of titanium.

7. Members of the Food and Agriculture Branch met with representatives of State and Agriculture to coordinate the estimate of USSR grain production for 1956. The M/AG estimate of 115 million metric tons was accepted by the two departments. [REDACTED] estimate is 115-120 million metric tons, with the further statement that the lower figure in the range is most probable. 25X1X7

8. For the first time in 20 years, the USSR, in its plan fulfillment announcements for 1956, revealed an absolute figure for the production of sulphuric acid and a percentage increase over 1955. Heretofore, the Soviets had not revealed even yearly percentage increases. The M/CH estimates for 1955 and 1956 varied by less than 5 percent from the officially reported figures.

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9. [REDACTED], M/EP, participated by invitation in two meetings of the Electric Power Subcommittee of the Fissionable Materials Working Group, JAEIC, convened to estimate electric power consumption by the Soviet Atomic Energy Program. [REDACTED]'s estimate was accepted by the subcommittee.

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10. [REDACTED], M/NP, resigned effective 28 February 1957.

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